CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend claims 1, 6-11, 13-14, and 16-20 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A toggle switch cover apparatus, comprising:

a bushing for a toggle switch, wherein said bushing comprises a threaded area and an uppermost unthreaded area, wherein said uppermost unthreaded area comprises a maximum outside diameter that is less than a corresponding minor diameter of threads of a mounting nut; and

<u>said</u> a mounting nut surrounding said uppermost unthreaded area of said bushing, wherein a gap is formed between said mounting nut and said bushing, thereby promoting proper alignment of said toggle switch thereof and decreasing cross-threading issues.

- 2. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said toggle switch further comprises a toggle, wherein a portion of said toggle is surrounded by said mounting nut and said bushing.
- 3. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said mounting nut is positionable on said bushing in said uppermost unthreaded area thereof in a plane perpendicular to an axis of said bushing prior to a threading of said mounting nut onto said bushing
- 4. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said bushing comprises a plurality of threads for engaging corresponding mating threads of said mounting nut.
- 5. (Original) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said corresponding minor diameter of threads of said mounting nut comprises a minimum minor diameter of said threads of said mounting nut.

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6. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein said toggle comprises a tab lever bushing is positioned above a base portion, wherein said base portion is

located above a supporting portion.

7. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 2 wherein said toggle comprises a

pull to unlock lever uppermost unthreaded area comprises a lead-in portion.

(Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said toggle switch

comprises a 2-position toggle-switch mounting nut is positionable over said bushing.

(Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 1 wherein said toggle switch 9.

comprises a 3-position toggle switch a length of said uppermost unthreaded area

depends upon a size of said mounting nut.

10. (Currently Amended) A toggle switch cover apparatus, comprising:

a toggle switch comprising a toggle;

a bushing associated with said toggle switch, wherein said bushing comprises

a threaded area and an uppermost unthreaded area, wherein said uppermost

unthreaded area comprises a maximum outside diameter that is less than a

corresponding minimum minor diameter of threads of a mounting nut;

said a mounting nut surrounding said uppermost unthreaded area of said

bushing, wherein a gap is formed between said mounting nut and said bushing and

a portion of said toggle is surrounded by said mounting nut and said bushing; and

wherein said mounting nut is positionable on said bushing in said uppermost

unthreaded area thereof in a plane perpendicular to an axis of said bushing prior to

a threading of said mounting nut onto said bushing, thereby promoting proper alignment of said toggle switch thereof and decreasing cross-threading issues.

11. (Currently Amended) A toggle switch cover method, comprising:

providing a bushing for a toggle switch, wherein said bushing comprises a threaded area and an uppermost unthreaded area, wherein said uppermost unthreaded area comprises a maximum outside diameter that is less than a corresponding minor diameter of threads of a mounting nut; and

locating <u>said</u> a mounting nut about said uppermost unthreaded area of said bushing, wherein a gap is formed between said mounting nut and said bushing, thereby promoting proper alignment of said toggle switch thereof and decreasing cross-threading issues.

- 12. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein said toggle switch further comprises a toggle, wherein a portion of said toggle is surrounded by said mounting nut and said bushing.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 further comprising the step of positioning said mounting nut on said bushing in said uppermost unthreaded area thereof in a plane perpendicular to an axis of said bushing prior to a threading of said mounting nut onto said bushing
- 14. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 <u>further comprising the step of configuring wherein</u> said bushing <u>to comprise comprises</u> a plurality of threads for engaging corresponding mating threads of said mounting nut.
- 15. (Original) The method of claim 11 wherein said corresponding minor diameter of threads of said mounting nut comprises a minimum minor diameter of said threads of said mounting nut.

- 16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12 <u>further comprising the steps of wherein said toggle comprises a tab lever positioning said bushing above a base portion, wherein said base portion is located above a supporting portion.</u>
- 17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12 wherein said toggle-comprises a pull-to-unlock lever uppermost unthreaded area comprises a lead-in portion.
- 18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 <u>further comprising the step of wherein said toggle switch comprises a 2-position toggle switch positioning said mounting nut over said bushing.</u>
- 19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 wherein said toggle switch comprises a 3 position toggle switch a length of said uppermost unthreaded area depends upon a size of said mounting nut.
- 20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 11 further comprising the step of configuring said bushing to comprise a diameter in a range of at least ¼ inches to 15/32 inches.